

# Kirtland sewer project nears end

■ Tie-ins for Temple  
View under way

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It appears that the last chapter in the Temple View sewage saga is coming to a close.

About half the homes in the 50-residence Kirtland subdivision south of city hall are plugged into a pump station carrying sewage to a new sewer line along part of Route 306. The rest are expected to tie in within the next two months.

"That's truly the final phase — getting these people connected," said Nancy Niehus, director of environmental health for the Lake County General Health District.

"It's sure been a long, long time. Once everyone is connected to the sewer, there should be some significant environmental improvement as far as water quality in the nearby stream and the east branch of the Chagrin River."

In 1991, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency found bacteria in the waterways, and the county health department traced incompletely treated sewage back to the subdivision. It was determined that the one-sixth-acre lots were too small and the soil unsuitable for septic systems.

This week, the Kirtland Public Utilities Commission determined the rates for sanitary sewer system charges for Temple View properties. City Council must approve the fees and heard the first reading on the legislation Wednesday.

A public hearing is scheduled for the next council meeting, at 7 p.m., March 5.

Property owners are being assessed for the 2002 construction of sanitary sewers intended to tie into a package plant, which was scrapped in favor of the pump station linking into the Route 306 sewer main. The main and station were completed last year.

"Now that they can use it, the city can start assessing them," Kirtland Engineer Phil Kiefer said.

The utilities commission proposes assessing users — including some homes and businesses along Route 306 — \$100 a quarter over the next 20 years and then \$60 per quarter for an additional 20 years, he said.

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If approved by council, the first billing is set to begin April 1. The city was awarded \$403,200 in federal stimulus

money for the pump station project.

Council Vice President Tim Powell doesn't anticipate opposition to the assessment.

"There was a price for tying in that they all knew about," he said of property owners.

He added that city officials have addressed residents' concerns about reported problems with the lines constructed in 2002. "The city's going to inspect every contractor and we're going to make it right," he said.

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